



Cross County Feral Fix

Project #

22-7038

County: Frederick

Number of Cats Spayed: 376

Number of Dogs Spayed: 0

Number of Cats Neutered: 267

Number of Dogs Neutered: 0

Amount Received: \$31,170.88

Amount Remaining (to be returned to MDA): \$0.00

Project Synopsis:

Tip Me Frederick held 60 spay-neuter clinics, trapping, sterilizing, and vaccinating a total of 643 cats. across Washington and western Frederick Counties. Most cats originated from greater Hagerstown.



Maryland Department of Agriculture
Spay and Neuter Grants Program



Project Description:

From December 15, 2021 to December 29th, 2022, Tip Me Frederick held 60 spay-neuter clinics and sterilized and vaccinated a total of 643 cats, across Washington and western Frederick Counties. We used three clinics--Humane Society of Washington County, Adams County SPCA, and Too Much of a Good Thing. We worked with over 200 colony caregivers, farms, and property owners. During the 2022 grant, we ended up fostering 45 kittens, rehomed 5 cats identified as missing but found in the course of trapping, and due to generous donations, we were able to alter 47 more cats than targeted for the grant (596).

Summary of Approach:

Tip Me Frederick worked with colony caregivers, farmers, and property owners from across Washington County (primarily the greater Hagerstown area) to help them trap community cats. We loaned traps or performed trapping if caregivers were unable to trap. We transported cats to one of three participating spay/neuter clinics and then provided transport back to the pick-up location in Frederick.

Accomplishments:

Although we had many more clinics that averaged 11 cats/clinic, we found this approach to be easier on our volunteers than just doing one monthly large clinic. It also enables us to use lower cost vets and save on transportation costs. And, perhaps most important, it gives us multiple opportunities each month to trap cats (whereas one chance a month limits us).



Maryland Department of Agriculture
Spay and Neuter Grants Program



Lessons Learned:

This grant cycle reinforced our decision to use multiple spay-neuter clinics and solidified our relationship with both Too Much of a Good Thing and Adams County SPCA. This was our ninth year of doing TNR so our processes are well-established. We did create a spin-off group for kittens we foster from trapping situations--this group, Tiplings, allows us to keep separate financial records and better track expenses related to foster care vs TNR efforts. Although not a new lesson-learned, this year also reinforced that we must continue to raise funds to provide the FVRCP vaccine (not covered under the grant) as well as cover treatments such as Revolution (for flea infestations) and Convenia (for infections).

For More Information Contact:

Mary E Hiatt

Organization Name and Address:

10425 Daysville Rd

Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Phone: 301-529-6314

Email: mehiatt@gmail.com



Maryland Department of Agriculture
Spay and Neuter Grants Program

